shut down required for their periodical and running maintenance. MITCO does not have any guest house at Chandwara. However, at Jhumritelaya MITCO has a guest house which houses MITCO's Human Resources Development Centre which imparts in-house training of qualities/processing of mica. A part of this centre is presently also used as transit house for the experts of foreign collaborators of Mica Paper Plant and Splitting Based insulating Materials project and visiting officials/customars. No enquiries have been conducted by Government on these charges.

दिल्ली पुलिस की महिला कार्मिकों के लिए वर्दी के रूप में पैंट और कमीज

3479. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली पुलिस की महिला कार्मिकों को वर्दी के रूप में पैंट और कमीज पहनने को मजबूर किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस प्रथा को समाप्त करने के लिए सरकार को पुलिस महिलाओं से इस संबंध में कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) से (ग) महिला पुलिस कार्मिकों के लिए वर्दी के नमूने का सुझाव देने हेतु एक समिति की नियुक्ति की गयी थी । समिति ने उनके पुरुष सहकर्मियों को दी जाने वाली वर्दी की तरह कुछ चीजें जारी करने की सिफारिश की थी । फिर भी कुछ महिला पुलिस कार्मिकों से अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होने पर यह निर्णय किया गया है कि महिला पुलिस के उच्च तथा निम्न श्रेणी अधीनस्थ कार्मिक यदि चाहें तो निर्धारित सलवार-कमीज पहनना जारी रख सकती हैं ।

Dacoities in passenger trains

3480. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of dacoities in passenger trains in the country during 1985-86;

(b) what is the total amount paid to passengers as compensation during 1985-86;

(c) whether Government have identified the dacoity-prone areas, and if so whether sufficient number of policemen from Railway Protection Force has been sent to such areas to be detailed for duty in different trains and

(d) whether any investigation has been made into the charges commonly levelled against railway officials and police force posted in the railways about their complicity in these dacoities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Cases regarding crime on railways are registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police, which is under the State Governments. However, according to the information available with Railways 74 cases of dacoities were reported during 1985-86.

(b) Railway Administration is normally responsible only for the loss destruction, damage, deterioration to the luggage which is booked. During 1985-86 only in one case, Rs. 25,000/- was paid as ex-gratia to Shrimati Indra Ramaswamy, wife of late Shri K. V. R. Iyanger, who was shot dead by dacoits on Eastern Railways.

(c) Dacoity-pron areas have been identified by the Government Railway